

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1730

**Introduced by Committee on Utilities and Commerce (Reyes
(Chair), Calderon, Canciamilla, Diaz, Levine, Nunez,
Ridley-Thomas, and Wolk)**

March 5, 2003

An act to add Section 273.5 to the Public Utilities Code, relating to telecommunications.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1730, as introduced, Committee on Utilities and Commerce. Telecommunications: high-cost funds.

Existing law establishes the High-Cost Fund-A Administrative Committee and the High-Cost Fund-B Administrative Committee to advise the Public Utilities Commission regarding programs to provide for transfer payments to telephone corporations providing services in high cost areas and to carry out the programs under the commission's authority. Existing law establishes the California High-Cost Fund-A Administrative Committee Fund and the High-Cost Fund-B Administrative Committee Fund. Moneys in the funds may be expended upon appropriation in the annual Budget Act. Existing law requires the High-Cost Fund-A Administrative Committee and the High-Cost Fund-B Administrative Committee to submit an annual budget and an annual report describing the activities of the board. The commission is authorized, under existing law, whenever it determines is necessary, to conduct financial audits and compliance audits for each fund.

This bill would require the commission to submit a report to the Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee and the Senate Energy,

Utilities and Communications Committee, or their successors, by March 31, 2004, on the status of balances, transfers, and reimbursement requests for the California High-Cost Fund-A Administrative Committee Fund and the High-Cost Fund-B Administrative Committee Fund.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 273.5 is added to the Public Utilities
- 2 Code, to read:
- 3 273.5. The commission shall submit a report to the Assembly
- 4 Utilities and Commerce Committee, or its successor, and the
- 5 Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications Committee, or its
- 6 successor, on or before March 31, 2004, that includes all of the
- 7 following:
- 8 (a) The status of fund balances in the California High-Cost
- 9 Fund-A Administrative Committee Fund and the High-Cost
- 10 Fund-B Administrative Committee Fund.
- 11 (b) The status of transfers to and from the California High-Cost
- 12 Fund-A Administrative Committee Fund and the High-Cost
- 13 Fund-B Administrative Committee Fund.
- 14 (c) The status of reimbursement requests for the California
- 15 High-Cost Fund-A Administrative Committee Fund and the
- 16 High-Cost Fund-B Administrative Committee Fund.

